**Smoking Cessation Billing Codes**

How do primary care physicians bill for cessation counselling?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code/Fee</th>
<th>Billing Description &amp; Documentation</th>
<th>Payment Rules</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **E079 @ $15.40** | Use this code for *initial smoking cessation discussion* with patients who currently smoke. | Billing physician must:  
  • be patient’s most responsible primary care provider  
  • use code only once per 12 months per patient  
  • use code in conjunction with one of the following services: A001, A003, A004, A006, A007, A008, A903, A905, K005, K007, K013, K017, P003, P004, P005, P008, W001, W002, W003, W004, W008, W010, W102, W104, W107, W109, W121 |
| **K039 @$33.45** | Use this code for *follow-up* (to E079) visits dedicated to a *discussion of smoking cessation*. | Billing physician must:  
  • be patient’s most responsible primary care provider  
  • be the same physician who billed E079 in preceding 12 month period  
  • use code only twice/12 months/patient following E079 |
| **Q042 @ $7.50** | Use this add-on code in addition to K039 if you are a physician in a patient enrolment model practice. | Billing physician must:  
  • be participating in an eligible patient enrolment model (CCM, FHT, FHG, FHO, BSM etc.)  
  • be billing service for an enrolled patient  
  • use code alongside K039 & only twice/12 months/patient |

**Additional fee code options for smoking cessation counselling**

- **A001 & A007** (minor and intermediate assessment codes) and **K013 & K033** (primary mental health care codes) may also be used for ongoing smoking cessation follow-up counselling.

  • **A001/A007**: no time requirement
  • **K013**: use code only 3 times/patient/year & must counsel patient for 20 minutes minimum/visit
  • **K033** can be used once K013 maximum has been reached

*Updated September 2016*